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SUBJECT: ACTING FONMIN AGAIN URGES EARLY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
ON UNGA

REF: SEOUL 0898

1. ACTING FONMIN NO SIN-YONG CALLED IN AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 11
TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN IMPORTANCE ROKG ATTACHES TO EARLY
MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR REGARDING PLAN-
NING FOR THIS YEAR'S UN SESSION. NO NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF CORE
GROUP HAD BEEN PRESSING MOFA HARD TO PROCEED WITH MEETING AND THAT
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ALSO PROPOSED TO ASST. MINISTER MOFA
KIM CHONG-TAE AS HE DID TO AMBASSADOR (SEOUL 0939) THAT OTHER
MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP GO AHEAD AND HOLD MEETING EVEN BEFORE
US/ROK BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. NO SAID HE HAD HAD KIM CHONG-TAE
REJECT THIS IDEA FIRMLY, POINTING OUT THAT US/ROK MEETING WAS
ESSENTIAL PRELIMINARY STEP. BUT CORE GROUP PRESSURE, SAID NO,
ARGUED STRONGLY FOR DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY UPON
FONMIN PARK'S RETURN FROM MIDDLE EAST CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18. HE ADDED THAT EUROPEAN AND ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP
MEETINGS OF KOREAN AMBASSADORS WOULD BE HELD JUST AFTER FONMIN'S
RETURN AND THAT IT ESSENTIAL ROKS BE IN POSITION TO GIVE THEIR
OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES THEIR MARCHING ORDERS AT THOSE MEETINGS.

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2. AMBASSADOR ASSURED NO THAT WASHINGTON FULLY AWARE IMPORTANCE

MOVING QUICKLY AND THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS BY TIME
OF FONMIN'S RETURN.

3. COMMENT: CONVERSATION UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE RECEIVING RE-
QUESTED INSTRUCTIONS AS INDICATED REFTEL BEFORE FEBRUARY 18.

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